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- 1. JASJIT SINGH, CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL BOARD OF EXCISE AND CUSTOMS, HAS INFORMED DCM THAT GOI ESTIMATES ACREAGE PLANTED TO OPIUM POPPY THIS SEASON (NOVEMBER-MARCH) AT 50,000 ACRES. THIS COMPARES TO 43,000 ACRES ACTUALLY PLANTED FOR 1975 CROP.
- 2. COMMENT: AS THERE IS GOOD CHANCE THAT WEATHER WILL BE AT LEAST AS GOOD AS LAST YEAR, INCREASED PLANTING COULD WELL PRODUCE ROUGHLY 15 PERCENT INCREASE IN OPIUM PRODUCTION.

THIS SHOULD STILL BE CONSIDERED HIGHLY TENATIVE ESTIMATE SINCE WEATHER RISKS IN RESTRICTED GROWING AREA ARE AUGMENTED BY POSSIBLE VARIATIONS IN OTHER INPUTS, ESPECIALLY FERTILIZER. SAXBE UNQTE KISSINGER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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